

TO WHOM IS HONOR?

RECORDS SILENT AS TO AMERICAN'S FIRST HUMORIST.

Progenitor of Long Line of World's Most Distinguished Men Has Yet to be Identified—Is It Nathaniel Ward?

Who cracked the first joke in America? The early records do not state. We are not even quite sure as to the first American who tried to be funny on paper. Of course some of the very earliest colonists in both Virginia and New England wrote humorous and sarcastic accounts back home.

One might call to mind John Pory of the Jamestown settlement, whose letters to the home folks were quaintly witty; Francis Higginson, sturdy old New Englander, sometimes dangerously near joking, and some would say that William Wood of Massachusetts (1634) deserves the place as the numerous fathers of American humor.

The first man to do it with malice and with the intention of publishing also seems to have been the New England preacher, Nathaniel Ward (1578-1652). It was he who wrote the first American book of humor, "The Simple Cobbler of Agamoth." Other books he composed, but they deal extensively in promises or volcanic landscapes in the next world they cannot with propriety be called funny.

Ward was a widower of considerable standing in point of time when he perpetrated the "Simple Cobbler," a fact which may have some bearing on the tenor of his remarks, of which there are many, concerning women.

"To speak moderately," says he, "I truly confess it is beyond the ken of my understanding to conceive how those women should have any true grace or valuable virtue, that have so little wit as to disfigure themselves with such exotic garbs, as not only disfigure their native lovely luster, but transmute them into gaudy barbares, ill shapen, shotten shellfish, Egyptian hieroglyphics, or at best into French flirts of the pasty, which a proper English woman should scorn with her heels. It is no marvel they wear drables on the hinder part of their heads, having nothing as it seems in the forefront but a few squirrels' brains to help them frisk from one ill-favored fashion to another. The world is full of care, much like unto a bubble."

Women and care, and care and women. And women and care and trouble. "It is a more common than convenient saying that nine tailors make a man; it were well that 19 could make a woman to her mind. It is no little labor to be continually putting up English women into outlandish casks; who, if they be not shifted anew once in a few months, grow too sour for their husbands. What this trade will answer for themselves when God shall take measure of tailors' consciences is beyond my skill to imagine. He that makes coats for the moon, had need take measure every noon, and he that makes for women, as often, to keep them from lunacy."—Seawane Review.

Simple Menu of Queen.

Queen Alexandra, who is retaining her marvelous youth, makes her life in something like this: Being she eats a few thin slices of bread, spread with unsalted butter. After 11 o'clock breakfast consists of fruit, a couple of colded eggs and dry biscuits. A little delicate fish chicken, a salad and fruit comprises her luncheon. With her four o'clock glass of milk she eats a couple of honey cakes. She never eats the heavy elaborate dinner served to the rest of the family. Instead, she has little private dishes of tiny French oysters grilled on toast, stewed celery and a green salad dressed only with oil and salt. She never eats any more elaborate sweet than apple baked with honey. When at Sandringham she makes butter in her own churn in the dairy every day, and then has a luncheon of whole wheat bread and butter milk, which she says, is a "meal fit for the goddess," and the most wholesome any pretty woman can eat.

Precaution.

The melancholy visitor peered about the grocery store. "You keep the only commercial emporium in the place, do you not?" he asked of the proprietor. "I do. What can I do for you?" "Sell me all the stale eggs you have." "Haw, haw! Must be going to the show to-night."

Pleasure of Giving.

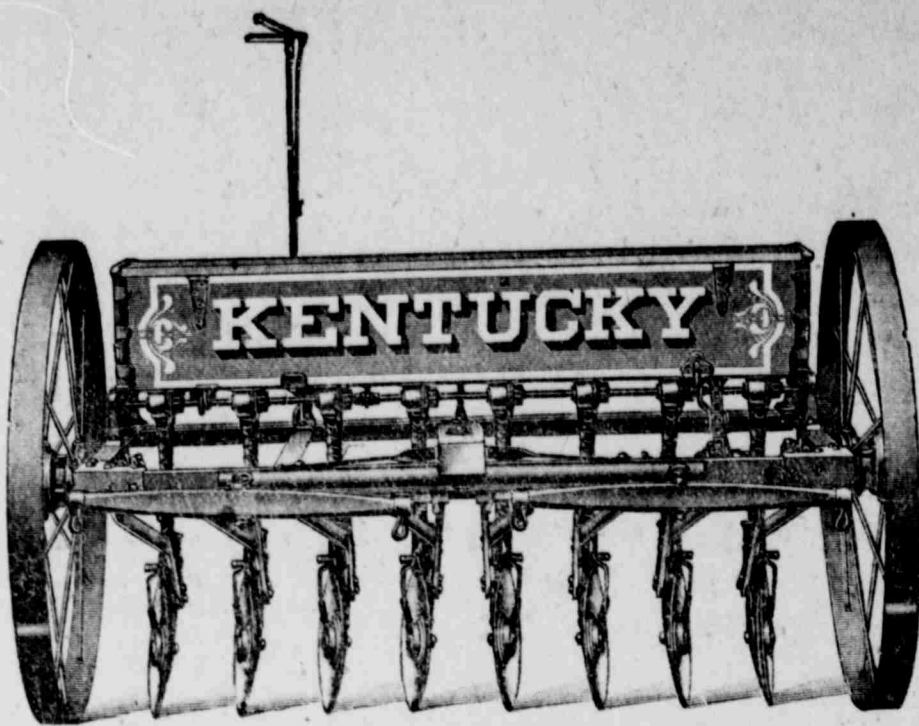
The millionaire was explaining how to bestow gifts. "Make them conditional upon others giving as much," he said. "But supposing the others can't afford it?"

"In that case you have the pleasure of seeing them hustle," replied the millionaire. "And besides," he added blandly, "you may get your money back."

The Chair of Forgetfulness.

"What I want," said the fretful magnate, "is to find some way of forgetting my troubles." "That's easy," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "Get them to put you in the witness chair during a trust investigation."

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At Richmond, Va., a well posted tobaccoist states that he is sure that 80 per cent. of the tobacco now manufactured into plug and smoking in Richmond is made of burley tobacco. The fact is that Virginia farmers have taken notice that Virginia factories are using a wonderful amount of white burley, and have asked themselves, "What's the matter with my raising burley?" They have gone into experimenting. Farmers in at least three sections of the State are delighted with their experiment. In a year or two the Virginia and North Carolina factories will not have to go to Kentucky for white burley, but will find plenty of it raised and cured on farms within 100 miles of the city.

John H. Wingo, ex-president of the Richmond Tobacco Association says:

"In two counties of Virginia burley seeds were sown this year, and the reports show that burley tobacco of good quality, color and flavor can be successfully raised and be disposed of to good advantage."

"There is no doubt that other parts of the State are well adapted to the growth of burley tobacco."

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by R. H. White & Co. 26 4t

Sad Mistake---Boy Kills Brother While Hunting.

At Lancaster, Ky., on Jan. 19, Lillen Lay, aged 13 years, was shot and instantly killed by his brother, Boyle Lay. The boys had "treed" a rabbit in a hollow log and Lillen was instructed to place his hat over the opening at one end of the log while his brother fired into the other. The boy instead held his face close to the opening and his head was torn off by the charge of shot.

Real Estate.

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Fight Against Japs Stopped.

According to a statement by Gov. Gillett, of California, there will be no legislation against the Japanese at this session of the Legislature. The Governor says: "After conferring with the leading members of both branches of the Legislature, I am convinced that no legislation directed against the Japanese will be enacted. I am satisfied that the people of California appreciate the efforts by the Federal Government and the representatives of Japan to stop immigration to this country of Japanese laborers, skilled and unskilled."

"The Japanese Government is acting absolutely in good faith in its endeavor to prevent its people emigrating to our country."

"This question is one in which the Federal Government is particularly interested."

PRESIDENT'S APPEAL.

The Sacramento Union says: "President Roosevelt has taken a hand in the anti-Japanese legislation now before the California Legislature, and has asked the Governor to take steps to have all legislation held up until the President can be heard in the matter."

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Bridge for Legislators.

When the Legislature meets next January one of the most important things that will be considered is a bridge over the Kentucky river at the foot of Capitol avenue so that legislators and others will not have so far to walk when they go to the State house from the Capital Hotel or the train. This bridge will put the new Capitol just four and a half blocks from the Capital Hotel, instead of nearly a mile, as at present. The bridge will cost about \$60,000, and one of the first bills that will be introduced will be a bill appropriating money for the construction of this bridge. When it is completed Capitol avenue will be widened and paved with asphalt and planted with trees along the sides, and generally beautified until it will be one of the finest and prettiest streets in the country.

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TORTURED BY MASKED ROBBERS

Before He Would Reveal the Hiding Place

OF HIS ENTIRE SAVINGS.

Hamilton County, Ohio, is greatly excited over one of the most brutal crimes ever committed in that section. Wednesday morning Thomas Trevor and his aged wife were attacked by three armed, masked men at their home. The aged people were subjected to many cruel tortures before they would reveal the hiding place of money and valuables. They were aroused about 3 o'clock in the morning by three men in their bed room. One of the men was standing over the bed flashing a small electric light in Trevor's face with a revolver pressed to the aged man's forehead. Trevor asked the men what they wanted and started to arise from the bed. The man nearest him struck Trevor a severe blow in the face and he fell back on the bed with blood streaming from an ugly wound in his forehead. Mrs. Trevor screamed and fainted as the man struck the blow, and the robbers grabbed her husband and pulled him from the bed.

One of the men demanded to be told the hiding place of the savings, but Trevor denied that they had any money in the house, with the exception of a few dollars, which he offered to give them. The desperadoes followed him to a small desk in another room and Trevor handed them \$6. The robbers again demanded to be told where the rest of the money was hidden.

THRUST HEAD IN FIRE.

Trevor repeated that he did not have any money in the house, and two of the men jumped upon him and dragged him to an open grate, in which a fire had been started. Taking the aged man by the neck they thrust his head toward the glowing embers. He screamed at the top of his voice and begged for mercy. The third vandal was threatening the helpless woman. The robber pulled the woman from the bed and threw her to the floor.

The woman signified her willingness to talk, and the robber released his hold. Mrs. Trevor told him the money was hidden in the springs of the bed. The other two men then released Trevor and ordered him to get the money. Trevor crawled under the bed and drew forth a little bag containing \$312 in gold and bills, the entire savings of the old couple. The old man pleaded with the robbers not to take all the money, telling them it was all they had in the world.

Osteopathy.

See Dr. H. D. Stubblefield, at Geo. Eastin's residence on East High Street.

Monday, 9:30 to 2 o'clock. Wednesday, 9:30 to 2 o'clock. Friday, 9:30 to 2 o'clock. 31-tf

To Cut Plate Glass.

To cut a piece of plate glass it is thought a diamond cutter is necessary, but it is not. If the glass is not very thick it can be cut with a pair of scissors, a large pair being preferable. While cutting hold the glass beneath half a foot or more of water, and it can be cut any shape desired. A round piece of glass has been cut out of a good sized pane in just this manner. The scissors do not have to be extra sharp.—Success.

Where Cats Are Welcome.

The god Ptah is said to be worshipped with ardor in Boston, where the cat is as much a part of the household as any of the members. The Egyptians seemed to think the cat very important to happiness, and Boston can see no good in that class of society that is talking about the cat as a breeder of disease and a destroyer of birds, and not to be tolerated.

Starfish Defies Capture.

The starfish, netted, commits suicide. It dissolves into many pieces, which escape through the meshes of the net. Then a kind of resurrection takes place, each piece growing into a perfect starfish.

Lincoln Farm---Ceremony Will Take Place February 12.

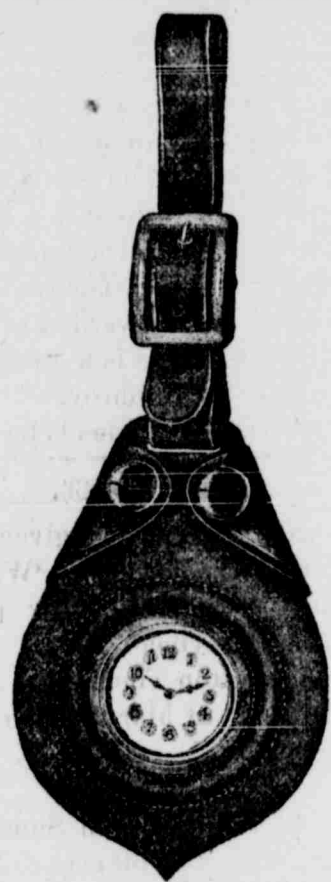
C. E. Minor, representing the Lincoln Farm Association of New York City, was at Hodgenville, Ky., last week with the superintendent of the Illinois Central railroad to view the situation as regards the handling of the presidential party upon their arrival on the occasion of the centennial celebration on February 12.

In an interview Mr. Minor said: "The plans of the association as regards the entertainment of the crowd that will be here February 12 are limited to the President and his official staff, the speakers, the Governor of Kentucky and his staff, the members of the Kentucky State Committee, the body guard to the official party and the members of the regiment who will accompany them."

"After viewing the situation I feel that we will have no trouble in carrying out the programme that has been outlined."

"The generosity of the Illinois Central railroad in donating the material for putting the road from Hodgenville to the Lincoln farm in proper shape is most commendable. The Fiscal Court of Larue county also did the proper thing in making an appropriation to cover all costs for putting the road in proper shape."

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COUNTY COURT DAYS.

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Bath, Owingsville, 2d Monday. Bourbon, Paris, 1st Monday. Clark, Winchester, 4th Monday. Fayette, Lexington, 2d Monday. Fleming, Flemingsburg, 4th Monday. Harrison, Cynthiana, 4th Monday. Madison, Richmond, 1st Monday. Montgomery, Mt. Sterling, 3rd Monday. Nicholas, Carlisle, 2nd Monday.

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